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SUBJECT: SENATE PASSES BILL ON MIHAJLOVIC MONUMENT

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1. FOLLOWING BELOVSKI'S COMMENTS TO DEPUTY SECRETARY ON CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR MIHAJLOVIC MONUMENT (REFTEL), DEPT CHECKED WITH HILL ON STATUS OF THIS LEGISLATION. TO OUR SURPRISE, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY REQUEST FOR STATE DEPT VIEWS, SENATE PASSED ON JUNE 29 S. 244 WHICH PROVIDES FOR USG SUPPORT OF MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF GENERAL DRAZA MIHAJLOVIC. SENATE ACTION WAS APPARENTLY TAKEN IN PREBUSINESS PERIOD ON SENATE FLOOR BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT WHICH MEANS, IN FACT, THAT NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE SENATORS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WERE PRESENT AND ACTION TAKEN WITHOUT ANY CONSIDERATION BY FULL SENATE OR SFRC. REALIZE THIS IS NOT MUCH HELP IN EXPLAINING THIS SURPRISING STEP BY THE SENATE.

2. WE HAVE JUST CHECKED AGAIN ON HOUSE SIDE AND CONFIRMED WITH HIRC THAT HOUSE COUNTERPART IS IN THEIR HANDS AND THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF ACTING UPON IT. HOUSE SPONSOR OF

LEGISLATION IS ED DERWINSKI, WHO HAS TOLD US PRIVATELY HIMSELF HE GOES THROUGH THE MOTIONS EACH YEAR FOR HIS CONSTITUENTS BUT HAS NO INTENTION OF PRESSING FOR COMMITTEE ACTION. HE REALIZES HOW DAMAGING IT WOULD BE TO OUR RELNS

WITH YUGOSLAVIA.

3. FOREGOING, PARTICULARLY REFERENCE TO DERWINSKI ATTITUDE IS FYI ONLY. HOWEVER, YOU CAN TELL GOY THAT DEPT IS OPPOSED TO LEGISLATION AND HAS MADE ITS VIEWS KNOWN STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS AND REMAINS CONFIDENT THAT MEASURE WILL NOT BE ADOPTED BY HOUSE.

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